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1. SUMMARY. YURIY ZHUKOV HAS ANNOUNCED SOME OF THE  
DETAILS OF SOVIET INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ON

DISARMAMENT. HEAVY COVERAGE IS BEING GIVEN TO SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS IN SOVIET MEDIA, WITH SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN MBFR--AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS--RECEIVING EMPHASIS. THE SOVIET MAY BE COUNTING ON THE CAMPAIGN TO RESULT IN SOME INCREASE IN PUBLIC PRESSURE ON THE WEST TO MOVE TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET TERMS IN VIENNA. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EXPECTED SOVIET POST-CSCE CAMPAIGN ON DISARMAMENT IS WELL UNDERWAY. YURIY ZHUKOV, WRITING IN PRAVDA ON AUGUST 13, SAYS THAT A "STRUGGLE BY THE BROAD POPULAR MASSES" IS NECESSARY TO FORCE NATO AND THE MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES IN THE WEST TO AGREE TO A BROAD DISARMAMENT PROGRAM. HE EXPLAINS THAT THE BASIC COURSES OF ACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THIS CAMPAIGN HAVE ALREADY BEEN OUTLINED IN THE STOCKHOLM PROCLAMATION STEMMING FROM A WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE (WCP) MEETING IN THAT CITY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. A "SECOND STOCKHOLM MOVEMENT" HAS THUS ARISEN, HE CONTENDS, SIMILAR TO "THAT VICTORIOUS MOVEMENT OF A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO WHICH UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT CONDITIONS OF THE COLD WAR PREVENTED THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN KOREA". ZHUKOV ANNOUNCES THAT "THIS CAMPAIGN" WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT A WCP MEETING IN GUINEA-BISSAU ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND A MEETING OF THE "WORLD CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL MOVEMENTS OF THE SUPPORTERS OF PEACE" IN LENINGRAD ON NOVEMBER 21. HE ADDS THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THIS NEW MOVEMENT ARE COUNTING ON ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER MOVEMENTS WHICH TOOK PART IN THE MOSCOW CONGRESS OF PEACE IN 1973.

3. VOLUMINOUS MATERIAL IS NOW APPEARING IN THE SOVIET PRESS ON ALL THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE ON DISARMAMENT IN PAST YEARS. FAVORABLE MENTION IS OF COURSE MADE OF SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED WITH THE U.S. IN THIS AREA. AND PRESS COMMENTARIES AND LEADERSHIP STATEMENTS FAITHFULLY ECHO BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT IN HELSINKI THAT PROGRESS IN MBFR IS NOW A FIRST PRIORITY TASK.

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4. MBFR IS IN FACT CLEARLY RECEIVING MORE MENTION, IN SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIVE TERMS, THAN ANY OTHER DISARMAMENT TOPIC EXCEPT PERHAPS SALT. PONOMAREV, SPEAKING TO CODEL ALBERT ON AUGUST 11, SAID THAT "REAL PROGRESS" IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS AN "URGENT TASK". AN AUGUST 13 COMMENTARY IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (B. VLADIMIROV), IN ONE OF THAT PAPER'S FEW RECENT MENTIONS OF THE VIENNA TALKS, WRITES THAT "THE MAIN THING NOW" IN "MATERIALIZING DETENTE" IS TO "SUPPLEMENT POLITICAL DETENTE WITH MILITARY DETENTE, TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS" IN THE FRAMEWORK OF MBFR." AND YURIY ZHUKOV LISTS THE VIENNA TALKS FIRST (WITH SALT II IN

SECOND PLACE) AMONG THE FORA NOW DISCUSSING CONCRETE ISSUES OF DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE. VIRUTALLY ALL MENTIONS OF MBFR INCLUDE THE MANDATORY REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET CONDITION THAT AN AGREEMENT MUST NOT DIMINISH THE SECURITY OF ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY; AND PONOMAREV MAKES SOVIET RESERVATIONS ON THIS EVEN MORE EXPLICIT WITH HIS REMARK THAT AN AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT DISTURB THE BALANCE OF FORCES WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN EUROPE.

5. COMMENT. THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDES EARLIER SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS AS WELL AS SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN MORE SUBSTANTIVE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS. THE MORE FRIVOLOUS OF THESE EARLIER PROPOSALS WILL GAIN LITTLE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE (OR SUPPORT) FROM THE CAMPAIGN. ON OTHERS, HOWEVER, EXPECIALLY MBFR (AND ALSO WDC AND BREZHNEV'S PROPOSED BAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS, WHICH ARE ALSO RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE), WE CAN EXPECT A DRUMFIRE OF PUBLICITY WHICH THE SOVIETS MAY HOPE WILL RESULT IN INCREASED PROPAGANDA HEAT AND PRESSURE ON THE WEST TO MOVE FORWARD ON SOVIET TERMS. STOESSEL

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